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Mr. Fred Thompson
U.S. Forest Service
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Dear Fred,

The Division has been in contact with Mr. Howard Turrel of U.S. Ferto Corporation, relative to the Forest Service's approval of said company's mine in San Pete County. You will recall that the Division assumed a secondary approval posture on this mine, allowing your office to assume the primary approval role.

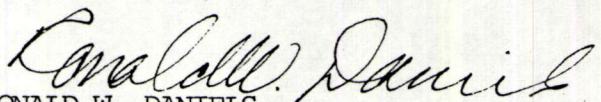
The Division has in its file a Mining and Reclamation Plan for the mine as well as several other documents which apparently constitute the operating plan that the company submitted to the Manti - LaSal National Forest.

My questions at this time are, does the Mining and Reclamation Plan which was submitted by U.S. Ferto Corp. meet in agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, and, has approval been issued for said operation?

If approval has been issued by the Manti - LaSal National Forest, this division will proceed to issue tentative approval.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,


RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
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